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SECOND VICTORY LOAN DRIVE WILL START NEXT MONDAY

Some two thousand municipalities across Canada will light beacon fires within the period of the second Victory Loan Campaign in an effort to secure another Dominion-wide expression of continued faith and fortitude similar to that obtained during the Victory loan of last June when the symbolic torch was flown from Victoria to Number 10 Downing Street. The plan was made public by the Dominion Ceremonials Committee of the Second Victory Loan.

"Mr. Churchill has been asked to light a symbolic fire in England," the committee reports, "as a part of our second Victory loan ceremonial. Here in Canada, beacon fires will be lighted, in continuity, across the Dominion from east to west in all communities, large and small. The theme of our ceremonials will be, 'Beacon Fire of Freedom,' and is based on the historical fact that for centuries beacon fires have been a significant part of the pattern of English national life, flashing through wars and border forays, threats of invasion and rejoicing of deliverance. In the nature of fact, right here in Canada, our first inhabitants, the Indians, used beacon fires for news of every nature, so they shone and produced an unlimited scope to local communities, individually and collectively.

"Individually, communities, through their beacon fires, can not only evidence their full participation in what is presently the most vital of home front war efforts—the well-worn success of the second Victory Loan—but, through them, can also send challenging message to their neighbors.

"Collectively, we can literally set our land aflame with 'Fires of Freedom,' and in so doing, effect the promise of a new day, a new world and a new hope for all mankind."

Weather permitting, the Ceremonials Committee is making all municipalities to plan a parade to the point of the beacon fire. This will be made up of members of the armed forces, veterans organizations, other organizations and of course, the local dignitaries.

The first beacon fire will be lighted in Prince Edward Island on February 16. The sweep will then continue westward according to the following time table: Nova Scotia, February 17; New Brunswick, February 18; Quebec, February 19; Ontario, February 20; Manitoba, February 21; Saskatchewan, February 22; Alberta, February 24 and British Columbia, February 25.

Suggestions are being made to all local communities that, where possible, a huge outdoor bon fire made in some prominent or safe spot around which the people of the community will gather for the ceremonials. All are being cautioned not to use materials for fuel that would constitute either a waste of fuel or use up anything that would be useful for war purposes such as waste paper. In many centres, a small fire placed in an urn near the town hall will be kept burning as a symbol for the duration of the campaign.

At the various ceremonial services, strong reference will be made to those remarks from Prime Minister Churchill, in which he refers to fire—particularly that made in London recently, when he said, "In the past, we have had a light which flickered. In the present, we have a light which flames. In the future, there will be a light which shines over all the land and sea."

The direction of the Ceremonials Committee is given by W. J. Stewart, C.B.E., Stanley Lewis, president, Canadian Federation of Municipalities and mayors, L. F. Winchell, and the leaders of the Canadian Corps and the Canadian Legion.

U.F.W.A. LADIES HAVE MEETING

Mrs. A. N. McLeay was hostess to the ladies of the U.F.W.A. on Tuesday afternoon when 15 members and four visitors were present. The meeting opened with singing. The roll call was answered by "What would I do

BOB BROWN'S RINK MAKE CLEAN SWEEP AT LOCAL BONSPIEL

The annual bonspiel was finished on schedule last Wednesday night and was all over Bob Brown's and his rink found themselves the possessors of two prizes, the Alberta Bonspiel and Calgary Power.

Sport of Bonspiel defeated Abu Sa'ad of Hanes Hill to take home the consolation. Brown's rink consisted of Al Wilson, Leo Woods and Campbell Brown and with the exception of Woods was a one time star hockey player for the Gunners and helped to win many a game. They proved during the bonspiel with the help of Woods, they could curl and win prizes. They were two records for local bonspiel. First in winning two prizes and second in playing five games in one day.

Brown's rink defeated the Bonspiel rink defeated Beagle of Arrowwood in the final game. Beagle quit with several ends to go owing to Brown having lost his lead end and no hope of overcoming it. In winning the Calgary Power prize they defeated Smeriville of Juny.

WEDDINGS

HARRISON-SINERMAN

St. Augustine Church, Ogden, was the scene of a quiet wedding on January 28th, when Dorothy Ord, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Sinderman, Cluny, became the bride of R. C. Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrison, Cluny.

Miss Nancy Jones of Gleichen attended the bride, while Mr. Jack Davidson, brother-in-law of the groom, acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison will reside on the west coast where the groom is now stationed.

A number of baptismal players went to Queen's University Friday evening for a series of clinics at a camp with the folks of that district. On returning they state they had had a fine time but did not know who won as they forgot to keep score.

Skippy Brown of Calgary paid the town one of his new visits last week when he came down to take in the bonspiel. Skippy looks just as young as he did when he moved to Calgary some twenty years ago.

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SEEDTIME AND HARVEST

Dr. K. W. Neath, Director, Alberta Department of Agriculture, has been visiting in the North-West.

"To Treat or not to Treat. This article is not, as the title suggests, a discussion of barroom etiquette. It is concerned with the more important, if less stimulating, subject of seed treatment.

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So it is with seed treatment on crops that sometimes we can be sure that the treatment will save money. In 1941, we had seed in corn, covered with in barley, or clover seed. In what, there is no argument—we should treat.

The Associated Laboratory Services, a branch of the Government of Canada, has been undertaking to examine seed samples and to advise for or against treatment. This is undoubtedly a good test, but, though treatment is recommended, it does not mean that the seed will be saved. Also, if one farmer is advised not to treat his seed, it is not his seed, but someone else's that they would get the same advice.

BRITAIN'S ARMY IN OFFENSIVE

That part of Britain's Army which

THE RUM ISSUE

BY FRID JONAS
This Column Given to News of the Gleichen Branch of the Canadian Legion

Stand To!

From the sublime to the ridiculous is but a step and Canada seems to be a little different between the 'sappers' Men and women all over the country are exhorted to buy savings stamps, deny themselves and help buy a military or naval carrier or tank. The people of Canada have nobly responded to this call and those of moderate means really deny themselves so far as to carry on the war! It is gun tanks or planes or corvettes? No folks you are all wrong. Your hard earned money is being donated to the war! It is gun tanks or planes or corvettes? No folks you are all wrong. Your hard earned money is being donated to the war! It is gun tanks or planes or corvettes? No folks you are all wrong. Your hard earned money is being donated to the war!

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is still in training has been engaged in large scale battle manoeuvres in which new offensive tactics have been tested. This picture shows infantry negotiating barbed wire by means of a ladder.

canton on night.

Now that Lieut.-Gen. McNaughton is in Canada some of the obsolete 75s and some senior officers of equally ancient vintage may be replaced. I am not inferring that either the officers or the guns would not do their best in an emergency but both would have a tendency to blow up under pressure.

I have been in Calgary several days on my annual furlough and find quite a difference between the 'sappers' here and at Uluetel, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. There flowers are beginning to bud and a small plane tree in a hurry was in bloom on the 27th of January. I have met quite a few of the gang since I arrived in Calgary. Bill Brown, Skinny Brown, Bob Staback and others. R. C. Clifford, Allen Phillips of Arrowwood and 'Top' 'Kiln a Horse' Woods met with me in a short conference at my office on the corner of 2nd Street West and 8th Avenue.

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at the worst brought on acute bronchitis.

In some reinforcements to our company from Winnipeg was Pte. Bill Ditch and he asked to be remembered to Geo. Desjardine, Jr., and the Johnsons.

I believe I forgot to mention that the officer in charge of the Red Shield but at Nanaimo camp is Adj. Haldie, who asked to be remembered to Major

and Mrs. Sutherland.

This spring will see the war get real! hot and it will be thumbs up, chin up, put up or shut up.

Lights Out!

Men of 30, 40, 50

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ITEMS OF INTEREST OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

Julius Little states that farmers are looking for a good year. They are bringing in their horses to be repaired now and are not waiting for spring. One man recently brought in the canvas of his combine to be repaired.

Gleichen followed the rest of Canada in advancing the clocks one hour Monday. We haven't heard of anyone staying up until two o'clock to change their time pieces. Evidently they moved the hands of their clocks ahead an hour before hitting the hay.

A very enjoyable party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sammons on Saturday evening last when they entertained at nine tables of white. The prizes went to Mrs. McKeever and Mr. McLeay. Mrs. Stott and Glen Yule won the consolation. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess after which all voted they had had a most enjoyable evening.

Tobacco sales must be falling off in Gleichen. We know of three people who have cut out smoking and one

two others who have cut down their smoking to once an hour. War conditions you know.

Mrs. B. McLaughlin of Kinuso, Alberta, is at present visiting at the home of Mrs. McLeay. During her stay she will visit with Mrs. David McLean. Mrs. McLaughlin will be remembered by her many friends in this district as Miss Thelma Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sammons entertained a number of their friends to a evening of cards what recently. Mrs. McLeay and Mr. Ray Green won first prizes while the consolation went to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutchison. After cards a delightful lunch was served by the hostess and before going home the crowd thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sammons for the evening of fun and laughter.

THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

(By Dan E. Campbell)

During the first ten months of 1941 increased production was a feature in many fields of Alberta industry. Leading all others in gains was forestry production, which according to the department of trade and industry re-

port was 114 per cent higher than in the same period of 1940. A total of 189,715,345 feet h.m. was produced, valued at \$3,897,203. Gains were also reported in coal, oil, gas, cement, lime, and in butter, livestock products, cheese and coarse grain sales. Horse exports declined, but it is expected that this market will show considerable improvement in view of rubber and gasoline restrictions. Completion of war construction projects also brought a decline from the high mark set in that industry. The value of exports, nevertheless, was \$18,131,700, and of building permits in a value of \$69,299, a gain of 21 per cent.

In the legislative debate of the throne speech continues to occupy the attention of members. Main subject of contribution was that of Mr. L. Maynard, who defended the government's contribution to the war effort by citing various measures and acts of co-operation with the military, air force and war law officials. Independent member B. J. Martin, of Peace River, had charged lack of co-operation.

Pending introduction of the budget, which is expected shortly, it is expected that debate on the speech will continue. The legislative program

will probably be the lightest in years, in view of the current revision of the Statute of Alberta. Expected to produce debate is the report of the special committee which has inquired into university affairs, which will be tabled in the house and which, it is probable, will initiate legislation.

Government officials heard with interest of the report that Governor E. Greuning of Alaska expects that two Alaskan roads will be built. One would run from Seattle to Prince George, B.C. to Fort St. James, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. The other would pass through the Yukon. Supporting the bill to appropriate \$50,000,000 for construction, the governor said immediate action was necessary, since facilities for the rapid transport of men and materials will change the whole war picture in the Pacific.

According to Hon. N. E. Tanner no official word has been received of plans to establish a synthetic rubber plant in Alberta, but "if such plants are established, Alberta would be the ideal place for them." The type of synthetic rubber under consideration is made from petroleum and natural gas. The unofficial report said the province would provide the material for essential services.

URGENT MEASURES TO CHECK ACCIDENTS

Measures to check motor accidents in this province still are called for, according to officials of the Alberta Motor Association. Several reports of hit and run drivers have been made known. Recently railway officials reported that there were several instances where motorists had driven into standing trains, or trains moving slowly.

Police report many cases where accidents were due to reckless careless driving, care skidding, and others when out of control due to some form of negligence.

The technique about to be taught should be explained orally. This technique should be demonstrated with the parent at the wheel.

The boy or girl should try to follow the example.

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Grimly quenching their tears, mothers say "God bless you" to their fighting sons—everywhere young women are serving where duty calls—the women of Canada are bound together in one common cause.

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